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Albion Beatty's.

George and Matthew, sons of Squire George Beatty, pioneer Albion Beatty, won a foremost place for the family name in Canadian industry, being the founders of the nationally known implement and

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~~and~~ hardware business of Beatty Bros., Fergus.

Their father, "Squire George" (1794-1875), emigrated from County Fermanagh to Albion twp., 1830, settling lot 3, con. 4, where he secured title, 1841, to 100 acres for £56. He married, 1833, Ellen, daughter of Matthew Beatty (no relation), both becoming devout Methodists, to which church he donated the N.E. corner of his homestead as a site for a church building, known for years as "Beatty's Church", and used by Anglicans, <sup>and</sup> Presbyterians as well. He was known locally as "Father" Beatty, and eulogised

at his funeral as "One of the old-fashioned

Christians who believe in repentance, faith and keeping the commandments."

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Shore, lot 13, con. 5 Albion), was an active Methodist and Orangeman, and he and his wife rest in the old Providence Cemetery (Woodhill's).

A.I. Beatty, 4th son of the pioneer, secured 50 acres, lot 2, con. 3, 1875, for \$1,000. The pioneer's only daughter, Annie, married Richard H. Berryman, and, 1892, acquired the homestead.

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Shades of all the strict-living, virtuous and godly pioneers! In Albion there were actually Beatty's who "kept hotel"--taverns they were called in those days. One, Henry Beatty (1837-1918) (Mr. Sarah Carter), was a tavern-keeper, Liberal in politics, and the Elm Tree Hotel at Palgrave was built (1892) by his son Henry.

Another Beatty who kept tavern was a William Beatty, lot 19, con. 2 Albion, and who

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was also an ensign in the 8th Regiment, North York Militia. So far as the records show, there was no blood relation between these Beattys and the other Albion Beattys who were all ardent Methodists, but all shared the common Irish ancestry.

## THE BEATTIES

The Streetsville Beatties were descendants of the pioneer Robert Beattie (w. Nancy Mitchell), who came to lot 15, con. 4, ~~Toronto~~ W., in 1825, from County Fermanagh, but before settling in Peel had worked on Erie Canal at Lockport, N.Y., and also lived for a short time in Kingston where he kept store. He combined the occupations of farmer, school teacher, and store keeper, and was a member of the Church of England. Their eldest son, John, (1808-1890), farmed the homestead and married Margaret McIlwaine, who died in her

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96th year, 1915. Their other son, Matthew, moved to Seaforth. Seven sons were born to John and Mary (McIlwaine) Beattie,-- Robert, Thomas Ker, John A., Matthew H., Guy, George, and William.

Robert moved to Seaforth and then to Stratford;

Thomas K. (1831-1896) (w. Susan Denham), lived on

lot 2, con. 4 (Lancholm), was Clerk of the

Division Court in Streetsville, a Mason and Sec-

retary of River Park Lodge, No. 356; John A., a

millar, and George, resided on the homestead;

Matthew H. who was in the dairy business. Orangeman,

and executive member of the Patrons of Industry,

moved to Vancouver; Guy emigrated to Mexico where

he died, 1931, while William died in early manhood.

Matthew Beattie who is buried in Churchville Cemetery

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